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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Small Entity)

Docket No.
4296-105.1 US

In Re Application Of: **Aoyagi, et al.**

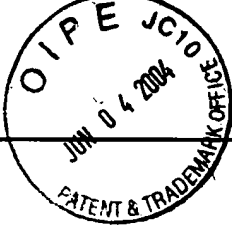
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Tran, Susan T.

Group Art Unit
1615

Invention: **NOVEL ABSORBENT**



TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of December 3, 2003 in the above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month ☐ Two months ☒ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: March 3, 2004 until: June 3, 2004
Date *Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.
☒ has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the extension of time is **\$475** and is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **13-2165**
☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **13-2165**

Signature

Dated: June 1, 2004

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on June 1, 2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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